







## How many children exited foster care during FY 2006? 289,000

### What were the ages of the children who exited care during FY 2006?

Mean Years	9.8
Median Years	9.5

Less than 1 Year	5%	13,948
1 Year	7%	19,929
2 Years	7%	19,851
3 Years	6%	17,770
4 Years	6%	15,960
5 Years	5%	14,355
6 Years	5%	13,279
7 Years	4%	12,776
8 Years	4%	11,402
9 Years	4%	10,584
10 Years	3%	10,044
11 Years	3%	9,803
12 Years	4%	10,201
13 Years	4%	11,128
14 Years	5%	13,364
15 Years	6%	16,355
16 Years	6%	18,264
17 Years	9%	24,597
18 Years	7%	19,230
19 Years	1%	3,599
20 Years	1%	2,561

### What were the outcomes for the children exiting foster care during FY 2006?

Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	53%	154,103
Living with Other Relative(s)	11%	30,751
Adoption	17%	50,379
Emancipation	9%	26,517
Guardianship	5%	15,010
Transfer to Another Agency	2%	6,683
Runaway	2%	5,049
Death of Child	0%	509

**NOTE:** Deaths are attributable to a variety of causes including medical conditions, accidents and homicide.

### What were the lengths of stay of the children who exited foster care during FY 2006?

Mean Months	20.9	
Median Months	12.2	
Less than 1 Month	15%	42,960
1 to 5 Months	16%	47,506
6 to 11 Months	18%	52,921
12 to 17 Months	14%	39,485
18 to 23 Months	9%	26,487
24 to 29 Months	7%	19,128
30 to 35 Months	5%	13,604
3 to 4 Years	9%	26,415
5 Years or More	7%	20,492

### What was the race/ethnicity of the children who exited care during FY 2006?

AI/AN-Non Hispanic	2%	6,243
Asian-Non Hispanic	1%	2,384
Black -Non Hispanic	27%	77,720
Hawaiian/ PI-Non Hispanic	0%	840
Hispanic	18%	51,711
White-Non Hispanic	46%	130,945
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	6,910
Two or More-Non Hispanic	4%	10,246

**NOTE:** Using U.S. Bureau of the Census standards, children of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Beginning in FY2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

## How many children were waiting to be adopted on September 30, 2006? 129,000

**NOTES:** Waiting children are identified as children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the estimate.

### What is the gender distribution of the waiting children?

Male	53%	68,006
Female	47%	60,994

### How old were the waiting children when they were removed from their parents or caretakers?

Mean Years	4.9
Median Years	4.2

### How many months have the waiting children been in continuous foster care?

Mean Months	39.4
Median Months	28.9

Less than 1 Month	1%	656
1 through 5 Months	4%	4,843
6 through 11 Months	9%	11,079
12 through 17 Months	14%	17,463
18 through 23 Months	14%	17,557
24 through 29 Months	12%	15,536
30 through 35 Months	9%	11,767
36 through 59 Months	20%	25,792
60 or more Months	19%	24,307

Less than 1 Year	25%	32,082
1 Year	9%	11,270
2 Years	8%	9,920
3 Years	7%	9,139
4 Years	7%	8,836
5 Years	7%	8,449
6 Years	6%	8,269
7 Years	6%	7,645
8 Years	5%	6,956
9 Years	5%	6,220
10 Years	4%	5,552
11 Years	4%	4,647
12 Years	3%	3,811
13 Years	2%	2,850
14 Years	1%	1,856
15 Years	1%	1,041
16 Years	0%	372
17 Years	0%	87

### What is the racial/ethnic distribution of the waiting children?

AI/AN-Non Hispanic	2%	2,223
Asian-Non Hispanic	1%	651
Black -Non Hispanic	32%	41,591
Hawaiian/ PI-Non Hispanic	0%	301
Hispanic	20%	25,481
White-Non Hispanic	38%	49,637
Unknown/Unable to Determine	3%	3,362
Two or More-Non Hispanic	4%	5,754

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## Children Adopted in FY 2006 (continued)

### What is the family structure of the child's adoptive family?

Married Couple	69%	35,278
Unmarried Couple	2%	857
Single Female	26%	13,370
Single Male	3%	1,496

### What was the relationship of the adoptive parents to the child prior to the adoption?

Non-Relative	15%	7,646
Foster Parent	59%	29,997
Step-Parent	0%	36
Other Relative	26%	13,321